

I have had the privilege of knowing MARCY for more than two decades, as well as the honor of serving in the House alongside her for the last six years, and I cannot think of a more determined, driven, and dedicated public servant than she.

Throughout her entire decades-long service to the people of Ohio's Ninth Congressional District, Congresswoman KAPTUR has been a steadfast champion for our great automotive and manufacturing industries, the American worker and their families, and the brave men and women in the Armed Forces. In addition, she has been a tireless advocate for the middle class, and in ensuring that everyone has a fair shake to succeed and realize the American Dream.

Of course, I would be remiss to also not mention her unyielding commitment to our nation's veterans—highlighted by her tireless work and driving force to establish the National World War II Memorial.

Yes, Congresswoman KAPTUR has left an indelible mark on Ohio and this nation, and I join all those in Congress and across the country in saluting her on this momentous and most historic accomplishment.

Congratulations, MARCY.

SALUTING REPRESENTATIVE MARCY KAPTUR

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Representative MARCY KAPTUR as she becomes the longest-serving woman in the history of the United States House of Representatives.

For more than 35 years, Representative KAPTUR has served the people of Toledo and northern Ohio with passion and tenacity. Ms. KAPTUR has been a tireless advocate for energy independence, strong international engagement, robust national defense, workers' rights, and America's veterans.

There is no greater physical symbol of Representative KAPTUR's leadership than the National World War II Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Ms. KAPTUR shepherded legislation creating the memorial through Congress and then worked vigorously to appropriate the funds needed to complete it.

It has been my privilege to serve with MARCY on the Appropriations Committee, where she is Ranking Member of the Energy and Water Subcommittee and sits with me on both the Defense and Interior-Environment Subcommittees.

On every issue we consider, Representative KAPTUR is a thoughtful voice who consistently prioritizes the needs and interests of her constituents. Her support for our Great Lakes has been invaluable to me as we work to sustain important restoration efforts in the area.

Mr. Speaker, the entire House is lucky to have such a distinguished colleague as Ms. KAPTUR. As we celebrate this historic milestone, I salute Representative MARCY KAPTUR on her service.

HONORING THE MEMORY AND SERVICE OF OFFICER GREGGORY JONATHAN CASILLAS

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, on Friday March 9th, the brave men and women of the Pomona Police Department responded to a short pursuit that resulted in a 15-hour long standoff in my hometown. Among those brave first responders was Officer Gregory Jonathan Casillas.

It is with more than a heavy heart that I stand here on the House floor to say that during that altercation, Officer Casillas was killed in the line of duty. I can't say much about the motives of the individual who committed this abhorrent crime, nor do I want to.

What I do want to do is focus on Officer Casillas and the incredible contributions he made to leave Pomona safer than it was before.

He made the ultimate sacrifice doing what he loved, and he will be missed dearly. He is survived not only by his parents, brothers, wife, five-month old and four-year old sons, but also by every single law enforcement officer of the Pomona Police Department and every member of our community.

Casillas knew his calling early on: to one day become a Pomona Police Officer. In March of 2015, he set out on this pursuit and joined the Pomona PD as a records specialist. Casillas would go on to work his way up through the department, prudently learning every detail at every step. On November 2015, he became a jailer before eventually becoming a Pomona police recruit, putting him one step closer to attending the police academy.

Officer Casillas intentionally took on these varying roles within the department because he was eager to learn and wanted to become the best version of himself to prepare him for the role of officer.

Colleagues recall Casillas diligently studying officer reports so he could learn how to write them—he was known for always carrying flashcards of penal codes and books to prepare for the police officer exam.

He was honest, dedicated, and determined. He never lost hope nor sight of his dreams.

And last September, that relentless determination led him to graduate from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Academy Class No. 207. He accomplished his goal of becoming a Pomona Police Officer.

Officer Casillas was in the final stages of finishing his field training, which would have allowed him to ride on his own without a training officer—a self-imposed final hurdle for achieving his ultimate goal of riding solo.

But in my opinion, he achieved his goal nearly four years ago when he decided to join the Pomona Police Department. It takes a special kind of unyielding dedication for someone to be willing to put their lives at risk every single day that they put on a uniform.

Casillas was this type of individual.

Officer Casillas accomplished his goal long ago and surpassed it.

The hundreds of people that gathered for multiple vigils in his memory is evidence.

The young generation of police recruits that he has inspired by leading by example is proof.

He selflessly left his family at home to protect our community. His memory and spirit will live on, and we are eternally grateful for his sacrifice. May he rest in peace.

SWIMMING PRO AND SPECIAL OLYMPIAN, MEG NORMAN

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, every individual finds their refuge and sanctuary in different places. Meg Norman finds hers in the swimming pool. Rightfully so, as Meg is a fierce swimming competitor and an even fiercer lover of life.

At the age of two, Meg appeared on the autism spectrum. Her mom, Joan, said being doted on by her older siblings helped boost her confidence. And boost her confidence it did. Meg has no hesitation jumping into a pool to compete in races. Her competitors don't even stand a chance when she pushes off that pool wall. Her recipe for success? Practicing hard, having a lot of fun and always smiling. Meg is determined to succeed every time she jumps into the pool and that's aided by focusing on winning and keeping a positive attitude.

Meg is a competitor in the Special Olympics and as you can imagine, has been very successful. The Special Olympics has given her an outlet to compete in a sport she loves and she has thrived during every moment. Meg's competitive spirit has driven her motivation to succeed and also helped her to win several titles and medals throughout her life.

When you can't find Meg at the pool swimming laps, you can find her working in the Special Olympics office. At the office, she devotes her time to helping staff with various projects, which comes as a huge help.

Meg's "can-do" attitude and joyful spirit is one to be admired. Her success in and out of the pool can be attributed to hard work and her own sense of determination. Nothing can get Meg down. That is why the pool is her sanctuary.

I am honored to say Meg is a Special Olympian from Houston, Texas. As Texans and Houstonians, we pride ourselves in our hard work and determination to do something great with our lives. Meg has certainly lived up to both of those qualities, and I'm proud to be able to spread her story today. Just keep swimming, Meg.

And that's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on March 13, I was absent for recorded votes No. 102 and No. 103. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on Roll Call No. 102 I would have voted NO; and on Roll Call No. 103 I would have voted YES.

HONORING CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR 45 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 45th anniversary of Cerro Coso Community College.

Established in the fall of 1973 as a separate college within the Kern Community College District, Cerro Coso grew quickly from its humble roots in the Indian Wells Valley community of Ridgecrest to representing the largest service area of any community college in the State of California. Today, the college serves an incredible 18,000 square miles of desert, mountain, and valley communities in eastern California at eight sites across Kern, Inyo, and Mono counties.

Cerro Coso has defined itself as the premiere community college in the eastern region of the Congressional District I represent, offering over 180 classes each semester and nineteen two-year degree programs, all of which have been accessible online since 1997. A source of great pride for the Indian Wells Valley, Cerro Coso has dedicated its mission to serving students who deserve an education regardless of financial or personal status. In what has become known as the "Cerro Coso Promise," the college offers financial support to its student body, assisting with tuition and books so that students can achieve their educational goals regardless of financial barriers. The work accomplished at Cerro Coso is invaluable and truly vital to the community it serves.

I am incredibly proud of the faculty, administrators, and educators who have made Cerro Coso Community College into the educational powerhouse it is today in our community. The work these dedicated individuals have done has touched the lives of thousands of students, providing them the skills and knowledge to succeed in any endeavor they pursue. As a former trustee of the Kern Community College District and currently a proud Representative of the college and the Ridgecrest community, I look forward to continuing to watch Cerro Coso's growth and achievements in the years to come. Go Coyotes.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 20

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States Strategic Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Energy.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of John L. Ryder, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

SD-406

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John J. Bartrum, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Lynn A. Johnson, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-215

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the need to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. Res. 85, calling on the Government of Iran to fulfill repeated promises of assistance in the case of Robert Levinson, the longest held United States civilian in our Nation's history, S. Res. 224, recognizing the 5th anniversary of the death of Oswaldo Paya Sardinias, and commemorating his legacy and commitment to democratic values and principles, S. Res. 376, urging the Governments of Burma and Bangladesh to ensure the safe, dignified, voluntary, and sustainable return of the Rohingya refugees who have been displaced by the campaign of ethnic cleansing conducted by the Burmese military, S. Res. 426, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, S. Res. 429, commemorating the 59th anniversary of Tibet's 1959 uprising as "Tibetan Rights Day", and expressing support for the human rights and religious freedom of the Tibetan people and the Tibetan Buddhist faith community, S. Res. 432, congratulating the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the 100th anniversary of their declarations of independence, H.R. 1660, to direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to submit to Congress a report on the development and use of global health innovations in the programs, projects, and activities of the Agency, extradition Treaty between

the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Kosovo (the "Treaty"), signed at Pristina on March 29, 2016 (Treaty Doc. 115-02), the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Kiribati on the Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries, signed at Majuro on September 6, 2013, and the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia on the Delimitation of a Maritime Boundary, signed at Koror on August 1, 2014 (Treaty Doc. 114-13), extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Serbia (the "Treaty"), signed at Belgrade on August 15, 2016 (Treaty Doc. 115-01), the United Nations Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade, done at New York on December 12, 2001, and signed by the United States on December 30, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 114-07), and the nominations of Erik Bethel, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Judy Lynn Shelton, of Virginia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Kevin Edward Moley, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Organization Affairs), Robert Frank Pence, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, and Trevor D. Traina, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, all of the Department of State, and Josephine Olsen, of Maryland, to be Director of the Peace Corps.

S-116

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

To hold hearings to examine Marine Corps ground modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security

To hold hearings to examine an update on National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and automaker efforts to repair defective Takata air bag inflators.

SR-253

MARCH 21

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-406

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Y. Scudder, of Illinois, and Amy J. St. Eve, of Illinois, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and Charles J. Williams, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the Economic Report of the President.

SD-608